## IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-40. (Currently Cancelled).

- 1 Claim 41. (New) An herbal composition for oral administration comprising an extract of Heliopsis
- longipes root in an amount of about 0.01% 10% by weight of said composition in combination with an 2
- 3 oral carrier, said composition being in a form selected from the group consisting of a powder, a gel, a
- 4 paste, a tablet, a capsule, a chewable gum, a lozenge, an aerosol, and a liquid containing at least one
- 5 flavoring agent;
- 6 wherein said composition provides an amount of about .5 mg/ml-1000 mg/ml of said extract per
- 7 effective dosage.
- 1 Claims 42. (New) The herbal composition according to claim 41 comprising about 1%-2% by weight of
- 2 said Heliopsis longipes root extract and said liquid comprises:
- 3 about 48% by weight distilled water;
- 4 about 20% by weight glycerine;
- 5 about 30% by weight sorbitol powder;
- 6 about 0.1% by weight potassium sorbate;
- 7 about 0.1% by weight sodium benzoate; and
  - about 0.2% by weight citric acid powder.

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about 2% by weight mannitol; and

about 3% by weight peppermint flavoring.

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Claim 43. (New) The herbal composition according to claim 41 comprising about 1%-2% by weight of 1 2 said Heliopsis longipes root extract and said liquid carrier comprises: 3 about 11% by weight distilled water; about 11% by weight glycerine; 4 5 about 76% by weight sorbitol solution; and 6 about 0.3%-0.5% by weight peppermint flavor. Claim 44. (New) The herbal composition according to claim 41 comprising about 3% by weight of said 1 2 Heliopsis longipes root extract and said gum includes: 3 about 28% by weight gum base; 4 about 17% by weight polysorbate; 5 about 0.25% by weight acesulfame K; about 0.5% by weight glycerine; 6 7 about 47% by weight sorbitol;

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Claim 45. (New) The herbal composition according to claim 41 comprising about 3% by weight of said

Heliopsis longipes root extract and said gum includes:

about 50% by weight gum base;

4 about 16% by weight polysorbate;

5 about 0.25% by weight acesulfame K;

6 about 1.0% by weight glycerine;

7 about 24.00% by weight sorbitol;

8 about 2% by weight mannitol; and

9 about 3% by weight peppermint flavoring.

- Claim 46. (New) The herbal composition according to claim 41 comprising about 1-2% by weight of said
- 2 Heliopsis longipes root extract and said tablet comprises:
- about 97%-98% by weight sorbitol powder;
- 4 about 0.4%-0.5% by weight peppermint flavoring; and
- 5 about 1.0% by weight magnesium stearate.

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